

SC Resource Conservation Challenge
Task Force Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2004

Attendees:

John Stevens, Material Management – Budget & Control Board
Renee Daggerhart, SC Energy Office
Teka Roundtree, SC Energy Office
Danielle Nivens, SC Dept of Education
LeAnn Herren, USC
Christine Norris, USC Aiken
Vickie Lewter, State Accident Fund
Holly Storey, DHEC
Eric Melaro, DHEC
Richard Chesley, DHEC
Pam Bergstrand, DHEC
Jerry Alert, DHEC
Charles Johnson, Information Technology Management Office
Jane Hiller, PaperStock Dealers
Karen Owens, SC Dept of Commerce

The meeting began with a presentation by Charles Johnson on the state's contract for leasing personal computers (his handouts are attached). The state contracts with three vendors for leasing services: Hewlett Packard, Dell and Gateway. And there options for 24, 28 and 30-month leases and a Tech Refresh option that allows the lessor to receive new sets of computers at end of lease period for another two years with out having to go through a new lease agreement until the end of the Tech Refresh period. Johnson indicated that only about 10 percent of the computers in use by state government are leased. Given concerns about proper end-of-life management and rapidly changing technology, leasing may be a more appealing option. The task force has agreed to help promote leasing versus purchasing in its communication and outreach efforts, including targeting the SC IT Directors Association.

Next Christine Norris received an award for USC Aiken for having the state's best college recycling program. Christine gave a brief overview of some of the successful elements to her campus' recycling efforts, which included doubling its recycling rate, working with Aiken County to increase number of materials collected and using a grant from the Sustainable Universities Initiative to incorporate waste management and resource conservation information into the academic arena.

John Stevens with Materials Management Office gave a brief update on status of contracts for environmentally preferable products for the state. Limited staffing has cut down time he has to spend looking at new contract ideas but he's still interested in working with us to continue work in this area.

Holly announced the web site was going through the final approval process at DHEC and she was hoping it would be ready by week's end. Pam reminded everyone that SCAGPO was holding a workshop on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing on March 11 with Kevin Lyons as the main speaker.

The subcommittees should plan on meeting by phone or in person to make progress on goals outline at January meeting prior to next task force meeting, which is scheduled for April 13 at a location to be determined.